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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MTN, ETRD
SUBJECT: U.S. REQUESTS ON RULES OF ORIGIN

REF: 77 STATE 257797

1. EC DEL INFORMALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY APPROACHED MTN
DEL TO OFFER ELABORATION OF EC RESPONSE TO U.S. REQUEST
ON RULES OF ORIGIN. HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH FORMAL
EC REACTION WILL BE THAT RULES OF ORIGIN ARE NON-NEGO-
TIABLE WITHIN THE CURRENT TIMEFRAME OF THE MTN, THIS
RESPONSE DOES NOT REFLECT FULLY THE POSITION OF COMMISSION
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2. WHILE THIS FORMAL REACTION APPEARS QUITE NEGATIVE,
OUR EC SOURCE SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER
SOLUTIONS FOR PARTICULAR PRODUCTS OR GROUPS OF PRODUCTS
AFFECTED BY COMMUNITY ORIGIN RULES. HE ADDED THAT
THERE IS A GENUINE COMMISSION BELIEF THAT THIS ISSUE
WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE MTN TOO LATE TO FIND AN OVERALL

SOLUTION, BUT THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH PARTICULAR U.S. PROBLEMS. U.S. DEL POINTED OUT THAT WE TABLED RATHER EXTENSIVE LISTS OF PROBLEM AREAS ENCOUNTERED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR GATT ARTICLE XXII DISCUSSIONS. HE RESPONDED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THIS LISTING, BUT WAS HOPING FOR A MORE REFINED LISTING THAT COULD TAKE THE FORM OF AN ELABORATION OF THE U.S. REQUEST. COMMENT: THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH EC APPROACH IN REFTEL. END COMMENT.

3. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER HE STATED THAT WE MUST MOVE QUICKLY ON THIS ISSUE IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING IN THE MTN TIMEFRAME. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE ON THE FRINGES OF FEBRUARY 8-10 CUSTOMS MATTERS SUBGROUP MEETING AND PERHAPS GIVE PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF THOSE PRODUCTS ON WHICH WE MIGHT SEEK ORIGIN CHANGES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: U.S. DEL REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MATTER BE PREPARED IN TIME FOR THE FEBRUARY 8-10 MEETING.

5. DRAFTED BY NEWKIRK. MCDONALD

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